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Meets Tonight

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

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East Side

By P. D.

WILL D. CAMPBELL . . . .

That's a name you may want to remember. I doubt that Will can change the course of history or anything so dramatic as that, but if ever I've seen a man whom I would call one of God's Noblemen, it's Will Campbell. He has been for the past two years the Director of Religious Life at the University of Mississippi. He resigned at the end of last month to accept a post with the National Council of Churches, having to do with racial and Cultural relations. Mississippi has lost not just a good man, but a true, honest, sincere, man of God. At any rate, that's my opinion.

Will is a born Mississippian ,having come from Amite County. He is a Wake Forest graduate and a graduate of Yale School of Divinity. For a while he held pastorates in Louisiana, having gone to the University from Taylor, La.

Any way you look at him, Will is a paradox. His physical appearance is far from being that of one of the prophets of old. He's just an ordinary guy to the eye. And for quite a long time, I confess that I figured him for just another preacher, possibly a little better educated, even a little more moderate in his views than the average. But from a few more contacts with Will, I had no choice but to re-value the man. There is no pretense in his makeup. It seems to me honesty is just a natural thing with him, sincirity is a part of his nature. Well, let's do it this way: I have the greatest respect and admiration for Will Campbell. And from me that's about the highest compliment I can pay any man.

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The Sixteenth Section —

When Will Mississippi Wise Up?

By P. D. East

(About five years ago we wrote this article for a magazine in New Orleans. They planned to do a study of the situation on 16th Sections in their state, but were unable to find any place to start, what with the Kings of Spain, France, England and Dog Patch having at one time or another been in the act. It was impossible to do the necessary research, and the result was that they dropped the ar-/ticle which is printed here today. The figures on school income are not up to date, but who wants to work?

—The Editor.)

If you live in any one of the states having retained its Federal land grants, there is a possibility that you can reduce school taxes, and at the same time provide more money for your public schools.

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timber to H. E. Wamsley, road foreman for B. A. Walker, Supervisor of the First District of Rankin County, for $200. The committee learned that the timber had a value of over $8,000. They also learned that Walker had, at the expense of the county, built roads so that the timber could be reached with a minimum of effort. Anyone not seeing into a corrupt practice like that would indeed have to be naive. Corrupt as it was, Walker was not convicted in the courts; he was defeated in the next election.

Another case of interest to note occurred in the central part of the state in 1948 when a sawmill was placed in operation on a Sixteenth Section. The mill owner cut the timber, moved the sawmill, pocketed the profits, and disappeared without a single county official knowing about it. The Superintendent of Education, upon learning about the sawmill having been on the public school land, began making inquiries. Not one person in the entire county would give the name of the person who had cut the timber on the lands belonging to their children.

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Optimist Notes —

Radke Initiated As Life Member; Club Hears Talk By R. M. Dreyfus

Louis Radke, a charter member of the local Optimist Club, was initiated last Thursday night as a life member of the Optimist International. Mr. Radke has been one of the club's most active members. He is also a member of the Board of Directors.

After the ceremony, Mr. Radke presented the Park Fund with a check for $250.00 on behalf of Dixie Packing Company, of which he is co-owner.

The club heard Robert M. Dreyfus, a member of the board of directors of the United Givers Fund, speak on the subject of the United Givers, its purpose, and objectives.

It was voted by the club to cancel the meeting for tonight, October 4th, because of the fact that the Petal High School football team has a home game scheduled.

The meeting last week was presided over by club president, Dr. O. N. Ashcraft.

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James R. Walters Named Winner In Forestry Contest

James Robert Walters, of Route 2, has been named winner from Forrest County in the 5-acre forest improvement contest sponsored jointly by the Sears Roebuck Foundation and Mississippi Forestry Association with guidance furnished by members of the State Agricultural Coordinating Council.

During the contest year contestants performed forest practices to increase both quality and quantity of timber grown on a 5-acre plot of their selection.

These practices included planting seedlings, plowing fire breaks, protection from over-grazing, and removal of inferior trees to boost growth in the better ones.

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As a climax to the contest, each county winner will be treated to a two-day, expense-paid trip to Jackson, October 11-12.

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Last week Elvis Pelvis was in Tupelo at the Mississippi-Alabama Fair. I asked Easton King of Pascagoula to go with me to hear Pelvis. His reply: "Go to hell." Some folks are not able to appreciate the finer things it seems.

A money mad business man I can understand, even if I can't appreciate him, but a money mad school teacher is not appreciated nor understandable. Thank goodness, I've known only one, but that was an ample sufficiency.

Having written a short piece about Will Campbell, I am reminded of a couple of Saturdays ago at his home in Oxford. I was having dinner with them and Will said he had spoken earlier in the day with his brother in Meridian. He told him that I was to have dinner with them. Upon hearing that bit of information, Will's brother said, "Will, I thought you weren't leaving until around the first of October. If anyone learns of the company you're keeping you'll be leaving much sooner." And here I might add this last thought: Will is also a brave man, I reckon.

Nothing whatsoever is known by me about the scientific or technical (if those are the correct words) aspects of human habits. Phychologists so I hear, have devoted years to the study . . . and what they've decided, I have no idea. But one thing about human habits I am familiar with, to a degree, at any rate, is how hard they are to break. For almost twenty years now my morning habit has been to get up, walk straight to the kitchen and crank up the coffee pot to brew the strongest possible coffee. While the coffee was making my habit has been to sit at the kitchen table and puff one Picayune cigarette after another, and then to continue while downing about four cups of coffee.

Now, let it be understood that I mean nothing derogatory to the makers of Sanka or Sano cigarettes, but I feel the necessity to say that they just barely beat nothing. Since it came to pass that my stomach had a blow out, Dr. Dan Riekes advised to cut down on nicotine and caffiene, and that it could be done by using the aboved named products.

Now, Dan is an outstanding doctor, and one of the finest men I know, but he has pretty well got me to the point of not caring whether I get up every morning or not. After twenty years of strong coffee and strong tobacco, I find it hard to be induced by such mild products as Sanka and Sano. Civilization! Ain't it sometimes awful!

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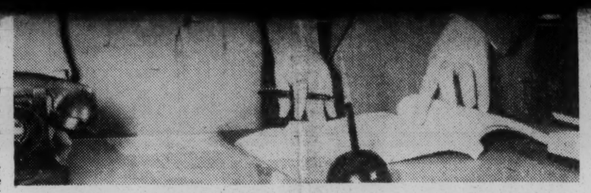
Lack of money has always been the pitfall in Mississippi's educational progress. For example, in 1948, William P. McClure, of the University of Mississippi, after a thorough study of the school needs in the state, recommended an appropriation of $24,908,741. For the school term of 1948 and 1949, the state appropriated $14,371,593. Over $10,500,000 was still needed. It has been said that anyone making a report or survey of education in the nation should begin by placing Mississippi at the bottom, except for illiterates, and proceed from there. What with a shortage of money year after year there is more truth than humor in the remark.

During the year of 1947, in the class meetings that followed, and on his own time, Elkema made preliminary inquiries into the possibility of obtaining more funds for education. During this time he began to inquire with reference to Sixteenth Sections, and about the amount of money being derived from this source. Elkema found that the majority of students knew Sixteenth Sections existed, but had no idea as to what they were producing in revenue for the schools of the state.

The origin of the Federal land grants date back to the Ordinance



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It was in 1948 that Elkema's attention was directed to an outstanding graduate student, Luther N. Davis. Elkema knew he had found the man he wanted to make a study of the Sixteenth Sections as a possible source of revenue for the schools. He asked Davis to make the study of these 640 acre sections of lands in Mississippi, and write the finding as his thesis for the graduate work he was doing.

Davis set to work as a matter of course, but after a short while decided upon becoming absorbed in the work, to take a year off from his duties with the Social Security Administration, and devote the entire time to the study he was making. At the end of 15 months, Davis turned in a thesis with the formidable sounding title of THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE UNCONDITIONAL FEDERAL LAND GRANTS (SIXTEENTH SECTIONS) TO THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI. The thesis has become popularly known as the Davis Report throughout Mississippi, and in the 18 states which have contacted Davis and Elkema for copies of the study.

With reference to the widespread interest being shown in the Davis Report is the fact that a man from Minnesota, 69 years old, contacted Davis and asked what Sixteenth Sections were; he stated that during the 68 years spent in Minnesota, he had never heard of Federal land grants. Yet Minnesota is one of the states which received not only the Sixteenth Section, but the Thirty-sixth Section as well. The original land grant in the state was 2,874,951 acres—one-eighteenth of the total land area of the state.

Due to the scope of the problem, the Davis Report is limited to the study of the lands in Mississippi. However, the basic problems are the same throughout the land grant states.

The apathy on the part of public officials in Mississippi charged with the responsibility of administering the Sixteenth Section lands is unbelievable. There are cases cited in the Davis Report where County Superintendents of Education and Boards of Supervisors are not aware that they are charged with the duties of attending to these public lands. There are numerous cases where public officials know full well their responsibility, and neglect it. And there are many cases where Boards of Supervisors are operating the public school lands for their own gains; the theft being not from the taxpayers of the county, but actually from the school children.

A notable example of this occurred in Rankin County, Mississippi. A General Legislative Investigation Committee, headed by Luther Whittington of Natchez, found that the Rankin County Board of Supervisors had leased land, began making inquiries. Not one person in the entire county would give the name of the person who had cut the timber on the lands belonging to their children.

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Beginning in 1906 a few farsighted men moved into Mississippi and began buying timber leases from near sighted public officials, and others, oftentimes for as little as $1.00 an acre. These men cut millions of dollars worth of timber in the state, and the schools did not manage for one dollar out of the lumber industry for the 30 years it flourished. Today these lands stand idle, eroded, red hills, not worth farming. Thousands of acres of this cut-over land stands without a single seed tree on it. Erosion has taken away the top soil. Where once stood one of the greatest forests in the nation, today red hills dot the land like grotesque sore thumbs. These acres represent a grant from the Federal government for the support of the state's public education program. This is the land the children of Mississippi inherited.

With the exception of a few Delta counties, the mis-management of Sixteenth Section lands is prevalent throughout the state of Mississippi. These Delta counties have set an excellent example that other counties could follow. In seven counties in the Delta, the people have set up a system whereby no lands are leased for more than five years, most often the leases are made for one year. There appears in the county papers information concerning the lands for lease; bids are received and the highest bidder is granted the lease. And what does that mean in revenue? For the fiscal year ending September 30, 1948, in Bolivar County, in surface leases (agricultural lands) the net

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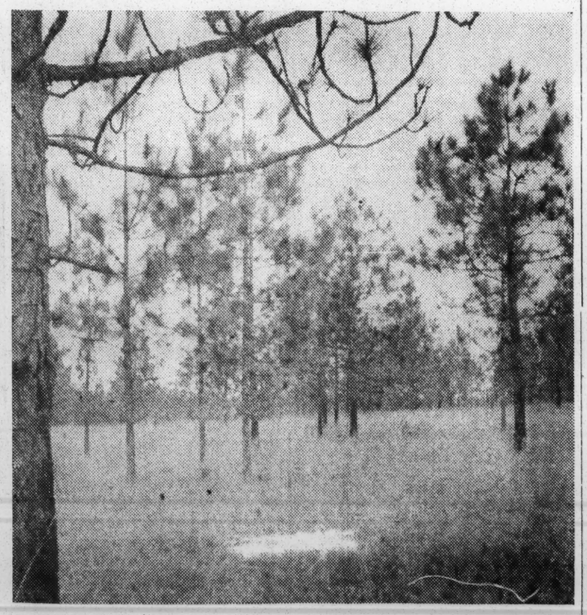
AN EXAMPLE OF EROSION. MANY THOUSANDS OF acres of Mississippi's Sixteenth Sections are as shown here.



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"We all know the human importance of letter writing," Mrs. Brogan stated, "the way in which it holds scattered families together, of giving comfort and love and news to all the people of the land. But its value is immeasurably greater than that. Its implications are almost infinite.

"We in America have the privilege of uncensored and unlimited means of communication. With this in mind, I urge all citizens of Petal to join me in this national celebration. Let's make National Letter Writing Week for 1956 the greatest ever."

Henry Hudgins Joins Marines

Henry W. Hudgins, from Petal, was accepted for enlistment in the United States Marine Corps on Sept. 20 by Sgt. Ted D. Bigham, Marine recruiter in the Hattiesburg area.

Private Hudgins is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hudgins, Rt. 7, Hattiesburg. He attended Petal High School. He enlisted for two years.

During his 12-week recruit training period, he will become familiarized with such military subjects as precision drill, first aid, weapons, hygiene and field tactics. He will also participate in an extensive athletic program.

Sgt. Bigham is located in the Post Office building in Hattiesburg.

Keith Smith Returns To University

More than 130 Ole Miss upperclassmen returned to the University campus several days early last week to help with the orientation program for new students.

They began their work Monday and were busy from early morning until late at night, seeing to it that the campus newcomers found their way to various meeting places and social events.

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The unit is a General Branch one and offers commissions in the various branches of the Army as a Second Lieutenant to those completing the courses.

E. A. O'STEEN

Appointment Of E. A. O'Steen Made By Bell

Southern Bell Telephone Company has announced the appointment of Ernest A. O'Steen as District Plant Manager, Hattiesburg District.

The Hattiesburg District includes all territory from Laurel south to the Coast and from the Louisiana State Line on the west to the Alabama line on the east. There are over 86,000 telephones in the area now as compared to 31,000 telephones at the end of World War II.

Mr. O'Steen succeeds W. E. Ragland, who has been appointed District Plant Manager in Meridian, Mississippi.

Mr. O'Steen, like Mr. Ragland, is a widely experienced telephone man. He joined the Telephone Company in 1935 at Jackson, Mississippi. He gained experience in jobs of increasing responsibility in Mississippi and was transferred to the General Office in Atlanta, Ga. in 1947. In 1951, Mr. O'Steen went to New York with the Operating and Engineering Department. In 1953, he returned to Mississippi as District Plant Manager at Tupelo, Miss. He transferred to Meridian, Miss. in the same capacity in 1955, a position he held until his recent appointment.

Mr. O'Steen, who is a native of Laurel, is married to the former Odele Whipp of Jackson, Miss. They have two children, a daughter, Mary Eleanor and a son, Ernest, Jr., who is a sophomore at Mississippi State College.

Editorial Comment

In Our Opinion, It Amounts To This . . .

Short Thoughts In Passing —

Legal Booze & Income Tax

LEGALIZED LIQUOR: We're fer it! INCOME TAX: We're agin it!

16th Sections . . .

income was $51,274.52. These Delta lands often lease for as much as $25.00 an acre. In the southern part of the state leases usually bring from 15c to 25c an acre. Forrest, one of the southern counties cut over by the lumber industry, for the fiscal year of 1947 and 1948 received $1,250.85 for surface leases. At the same time, Franklin County, the most heavily timbered county in the state, from the standpoint of Sixteenth Section lands, received in timber sales $502.50. Bolivar County, for all practical purposes, void of timber, received $5,113.38.

Of interest with reference to timber sales is Green County, Mississippi. In 1949 and 1950 in that county, on 600 acres of Sixteenth Section land, 100,000 feet of timber was cut. At the prevailing market price, this amounted to $10,000. The records show that Green County received $1,525 for the timber sales. Was this vast loss of potential school money due to corruption on the part of public officials? It was not. It was lost to the schools due to gross mismanagement and lack of understanding of responsibility on the part of public officials as far back as 30 years ago.

Actually, the people in Mississippi cannot be blamed for the apathy that is rife. The shortage of public funds for public schools began in 1830, when the state decided to go into the banking business. The Mississippi Legislature chartered the Planters Bank with an authorized capital of $3,000,000. In order to raise the money, they granted that Sixteenth Section lands be leased up to 99 years, with the proceeds of the leases to be invested in bank stock. A vast amount of public school land was leased between 1836 and 1860 for a period of 99 years. The Planters Bank failed; with its failure, the school funds were gone. By this venture on the part of the Mississippi Legislature, thousands of acres of land were lost as a source of revenue for the public schools for 99 years. These leases have been expiring for the past 12 years; however, the bright spot now is this: The majority of the remaining leases will expire within the next eight years. The time is at hand for the people of Mississippi to take advantage of vast holdings that are their rightful heritage.

The Mississippi laws pertaining to public school lands are, as one County Superintendent of Education puts it, "So hopelessly muddled that no one can understand and interpret them." There is a story going around the state about a bill which was introduced in the State Legislature two years ago. The bill, pertaining to public education, was passed and written into law. No one seemed to be able to understand it. The Attorney General stated that one of the first persons asking for an interpretation was the man who wrote the bill.

The inadequacy of the laws is evident in a situation now existing in Lamar County, Mississippi. In the community of Baxterville there are 154 students enrolled. Baxterville does not have a high school; the students are transported to Sumrall Consolidated School. Baxterville, due to its location in one of Mississippi's richest oil fields, has on hand $250,000. They spend in excess of $100 per student per pear. Sumrall has no such extra funds for their school. That means, of course, that students from a rich school district do not have the benefit of the money the school lands produce. And why not give a percentage of the Baxterville money to the Sumrall school? They are in the [illegible] but it cannot

thought on the subject of Sixteenth Sections. Typical of an attitude of mind is this reply from a police office. "Sixteenth Sections, huh?" He scratched his head. "Well, I'll tell you this: If you want to haul a load of pine knots or cut a few trees, do it on the Sixteenth Sections. That's school land and can't nobody bother you." The police officer was not alone in his opinion. From asking the man on the street in various towns throughout the state, it is evident that a total lack of understanding of the existing school lands, and the problems surrounding these lands, is prevalent. Any program of better management cannot work to the fullest benefit of the people until the people of the state have a better understanding of the potential wealth to be had for their children, and themselves, from the public school lands.

If the people living in the states which have Sixteenth Section lands are to realize a reduction in taxes, and at the same time provide more money for their schools, the recommendations as stated in the Davis Report must be followed. The recommendations given apply to Mississippi; however, as stated before, the basic problems throughout the states having Federal land grants are the same. It is logically assumed that a basic solution can solve a basic problem.

FIRST: Proper management of Sixteenth Section lands is imperative. By a program of reforestation, lands that are uncultivated could yield, within twenty years, from timber alone, an approximate $10,000,000, possibly up to $20,000,000 inasmuch as Mississippi is rapidly growing in industries dependent upon forest products. And in addition to timber sales, there are oil leases, royalties, and rental of commercial properties and agricultural leases which would produce another $10,000,000. What with the growth of Mississippi as an oil state, the possibility is far greater than is shown in the Davis Report.

SECOND: The state laws will have to be made understandable. They will necessarily have to be made to serve the people of the state. There are several instances where funds derived from the sale of timber on Sixteenth Sections have been paid, in part, to the lease holder. This is a direct violation of existing state laws. No one seems to know what to do about it. In the state it is almost impossible to get an attorney to take a case where laws concerning

volved.

THIRD: The funds derived from Sixteenth Section lands should be distributed throughout the counties where they are needed—possibly throughout the entire state. The example of the Baxterville and Sumrall schools in Lamar County is ample basis for this recommendation.

FOURTH: The length of leases should be made, by law, not to exceep one Year. The Delta counties have shown that this is a sound business policy. And, too, the schools need supporting each year, not every 99 years.

FIFTH: The people should be informed of their heritage. Their lands should be, as in Mobile County, Alabama, marked off so as to promote interest in their property.

These recommendations, as stated in the Davis Report, are not the opinions of one man. They represent the opinions of the majority of educators in the state. From the study of public school lands, it is obvious that the recommendations are sound.

That the Davis Report is beginning to awaken the entire state is evidenced by an ever increasing number of supporters. Notable among these are the state Junior Chamber of Commerce and the state PTA. At a recent meeting of the Annual School Administrators' Conference, Bruce Aultman, president of the State Junior Chamber of Commerce said, "Approximately 2000 young men in 36 organizations will give willingly of their time, talent and money toward helping further better management of Sixteenth Section lands for the support of our public schools." At the same meeting, Mrs. L. W. Olston, president of the state PTA, declared, "The PTA stands ready to support the movement for promoting the welfare of the children of Mississippi by securing more money for public schools."

The concluding paragraph of the Davis Report states: "Mississippi now ranks at the bottom of the forty-eight states for the nation in providing public funds for her public schools. If the state will now safeguard the income from its public school land it can more than double the per capita funds available per child, and offer an education program in the future for its young people above the average for the nation as a whole."

Yes, the Sixteenth Sections are bringing a long needed light into a state whose educational picture has been a gloomy one for over

HEALTH OFFICER

Urges Parents To Look Out For Kid Physical Defects

By Dr. Felix J. Underwood

One out of three of our Mississippi school-age children have untreated physical defects. And alarmingly so, often these physical defects have accompanying emotional ones which, singly or together, interfere with school achievement and adjustment.

Seemingly many parents, while careful to guard the health of the young child, overlook the fact that physical defects and diseases may damage the health progress at any age level. Such oversight or neglect directly affects the school progress of the child, for a definite relationship exists between health status and school achievement.

Our studies of Mississippi school children reveal that the number of physical defects increase with age to about 12 or 13. At the age of 5, the average number of defects is about 45 per 100 children. At 11 years of age, the average is 88 per 100 children. Many of these defects are minor, but if unnoticed and untreated may cause serious impairment later on.

Through our school health program we are doing everything possible, with our present personnel and budget, to protect the health of the pupils and to bring to light existing defects in order that they may be corrected. But our records show that less than one-half of the remedial defects revealed in our school health examinations are corrected.

There is no excuse for this condition to exist in our state today with all the facilities available for good health, and with the present economic status of our population. For children who need financial assistance in having corrections, there is a fund made possible by the legislature and local resources.

Somehow we must get across to a large segment of our parents—parents who are able to provide adequate health care for their families— the terrific price each child pays for a neglected remedial defect. The rightful place of a child in the classroom and on the playground is determined in a large measure by his health status. Yet many a child is that is rightfully his because he is handicapped by a physical or emotional defect that can be corrected. Failure to correct a remidial defect coondemns a child to a life of less than normal well-being and efficiency.

We urge each parent who entered in school this fall a child witha known untreated defect, without delay, to take that child to a private physician and follow through on the treatment he recommends. And to each parent with a child who has not been given a medical and a dental examination within the last year, we suggest an early visit to the private physician and the dentist.

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the first persons asking for an interpretation was the man who wrote the bill.

The inadequacy of the laws is evident in a situation now existing in Lamar County, Mississippi. In the community of Baxterville there are 154 students enrolled. Baxterville does not have a high school; the students are transported to Sumrall Consolidated School. Baxterville, due to its location in one of Mississippi's richest oil fields, has on hand $250,000. They spend in excess of $100 per student per pear. Sumrall has no such extra funds for their school. That means, of course, that students from a rich school district do not have the benefit of the money the school lands produce. And why not give a percentage of the Baxterville money to the Sumrall school? They are in the same county? yes, but it cannot be done. The existing state laws prohibit such a move.

This writer had occasion to interview a large number of citizens, asking them what they

tries dependent upon forest products. And in addition to timber sales, there are oil leases, royalties, and rental of commercial properties and agricultural leases which would produce another $10,000,000. What with the growth of Mississippi as an oil state, the possibility is far greater than is shown in the Davis Report.

SECOND: The state laws will have to be made understandable. They will necessarily have to be made to serve the people of the state. There are several instances where funds derived from the sale of timber on Sixteenth Sections have been paid, in part, to the lease holder. This is a direct violation of existing state laws. No one seems to know what to do about it. In the state it is almost impossible to get an attorney to take a case where laws concerning public school lands are in

the state PTA, declared, "The PTA stands ready to support the movement for promoting the welfare of the children of Mississippi by securing more money for public schools."

The concluding paragraph of the Davis Report states: "Mississippi now ranks at the bottom of the forty-eight states for the nation in providing public funds for her public schools. If the state will now safeguard the income from its public school land it can more than double the per capita funds available per child, and offer an education program in the future for its young people above the average for the nation as a whole."

Yes, the Sixteenth Sections are bringing a long needed light into a state whose educational picture has been a gloomy one for over 100 years.

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Stock In Federal Reserve Bank	18,000.00
Loans and Discounts	2,871,322.04
Banking House, Lot, Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	96,012.20
Other Real Estate	5.00
Other Resources	4,711.37
TOTAL	$9,722,164.80

LIABILITIES

Capital:		
Common Stock	$150,000.00	
Surplus	450,000.00	
Undivided Profits	156,884.56	756,884.56
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TOTAL		$9,722,164.80

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7:55—Democratic National Committee
8:00—Cavalcade of Sports
8:45—The Leon Kelner Show
9:00—Luzianne Patio Playhouse
9:30—Walter Winchell
10:00—Highway Patrol
10:30—Sherlock Holmes
11:00—The World Tonight
11:20—The Late Show
12:45—Nitecap News & Sports Results
12:50—Prayer for Peace

SATURDAY, OCT. 6 —
6:00—Perry Como
7:00—Caesar's Hour
7:55—Democratic National Committee
8:00—George Gobel
8:30—I Led Three Lives
9:00—Speech by Sen. John Kennedy of Massachusetts
10:00—Golden Playhouse
10:30—I Search For Adventure
11:00—The World Tonight
11:20—The Late Show
12:45—Nitecap News & Sports Results
12:50—Prayer For Peace

SUNDAY, OCT. 7 —
6:00—Steve Allen
7:00—Television Playhouse
7:55—Democratic National Committee
8:00—Loretta Young Show
8:30—Amos & Andy
9:00—Soldiers of Fortune
9:30—The Great Gildersleeve
10:00—Screen Directors Playhouse
10:30—The Dunninger Show
11:00—The World Tonight
11:20—The Late Show
12:45—Nitecap News & Sports Results
12:50—Prayer For Peace

MONDAY, OCT. 8 —
6:00—Stories of the Century
6:30—World of Sports & Weatherman
6:45—Esso Reporter
7:00—The Medic
7:30—Robert Montgomery Presents
8:30—Around The Town "Man Called X"
9:00—United Fund Program
9:30—Stanley
10:00—Science Fiction Theatre
10:30—Playhouse of Stars
11:00—The World Tonight
11:20—The Late Show
12:45—Nitecap News & Sports Results
12:50—Prayer For Peace

TUESDAY, OCT. 9 —
6:00—Cisco Kid
6:30—World of Sports & Weatherman
6:45—Esso Reporter
7:00—Jane Wyman Show
7:30—Circle Theatre
8:30—The Count of Monte Cristo
9:00—The Big Surprise
9:30—Noah's Ark
10:00—Celebrity Playhouse
10:30—Studio 57
11:00—The World Tonight
11:20—The Late Show
12:45—Nitecap News & Sports Results
12:50—Prayer For Peace

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 10 —
6:00—Father Knows Best
6:30—World of Sports & Weatherman
6:45—Esso Reporter
7:00—Kraft Theatre
8:00—This Is Your Life
8:30—San Francisco Beat
9:00—Adventures of Hiram Holiday
9:30—Budweiser Summer Theatre
10:00—Douglas Fairbanks Presents
10:30—Dr. Hudsons's Secret Journal
11:00—The World Tonight
11:20—The Late Show
12:45—Nitecap News & Sports Results
12:50—Prayer For Peace

THURSDAY, OCT. 11 —
6:00—The Ray Milland Show
6:30—World of Sports & Weatherman
6:45—Esso Reporter
7:00—Peoples Choice
7:30—Tennessee Ernie Ford Show
8:00—Lux Video Theatre
9:00—Groucho Marx
9:30—Republican National Committee
10:00—Stage 7
10:30—I Spy
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6:00—Do You Know Why?
6:05—Baseball Hall of Fame
6:15—News
6:20—Sports
6:25—Weatherboard
6:30—The Big Picture
7:00—My Hero
7:30—Captured
8:00—Cavalcade of Sports
8:45—Bill Corum
9:00—Crunch and Des
9:30—Life of Riley

SATURDAY, OCT. 6 —
6:00—Perry Como Show
7:00—Channel 9 Theatre
8:00—Grand Ole Opry
9:00—Lawrence Welk Show

SUNDAY, OCT. 7 —
6:00—Steve Allen Show
7:00—Dangerous Assignment
7:30—Highway Patrol
8:00—Victory at Sea
8:30—Million Dollar Premiere

MONDAY, OCT. 8 —
6:00—Do You Know Why?
6:05—Baseball Hall of Fame
6:15—News
6:20—Sports
6:25—Weatherboard
6:30—Industry on Parade
6:45—The Voice of Laurel
7:00—American Legend
7:30—City Detective
8:00—Play of the Week
8:30—My Little Margie
9:00—Million Dollar Movie

TUESDAY, OCT. 9 —
6:00—Baseball Hall of Fame
6:15—News
6:20—Sports
6:25—Weatherboard
6:30—Industry on Parade
6:45—Health Can Be Yours
7:00—New Orleans Police Dept.
7:30—Science Fiction Theatre
8:00—Star Performance
8:30—Man Called X
9:00—The Big Surprise
9:30—China Smith

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6:15—News
6:20—Sports
6:25—Weatherboard
6:30—Industry on Parade
6:45—The Passerby
7:00—Hattiesburg High
7:30—Wrestling From Hollywood
8:30—Janet Dean
9:00—Orient Express
9:30—Paris Precinct

THURSDAY, OCT. 11 —
6:00—The Pastor's Study
6:15—News
6:20—Sports
6:25—Weatherboard
6:30—International Playhouse
7:00—The Star and the Story
7:30—Televideo Playhouse
8:00—The Great Gildersleeve
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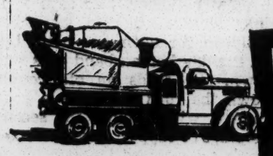
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6:15—Sports
6:25—Eyes On Mississippi
6:30—Frank Lealy
6:45—Hunting & Fishing Club
7:00—Badge 714
7:30—The Ballard Show
8:00—Cavalcade of Sports
8:45—Red Barber's Corner
9:00—Life of Riley
9:30—Walter Winchell
10:00—Ted Mack's Amateur Hour
11:00—News—Weather
11:15—Bill Pennell
11:20—Movie

SATURDAY, OCT. 6 —
6:00—Perry Como Show
7:00—Caesar's Hour
8:00—George Gobel
8:30—Hit Parade
9:00—Dr. Hudson's Secret Journal
9:30—On Trial
10:00—Lloyd Ford Ccpreboard
10:15—Texas Rassln'

SUNDAY, OCT. 7 —
8:00—Steve Allen Show
7:00—Alcoa Hour
8:00—Loretta Young Show
8:30—Highway Patrol
9:00—Topper
9:30—Overseas Adventure
10:00—Weather — News
10:15—Movie

MONDAY, OCT. 8 —
6:00—News—Weather
6:15—Sports
6:25—Reporter's Notebook
6:30—Cross Current
7:00—Medic
7:30—Robert Montgomery Presents
8:30—Douglas Fairbanks
9:00—Sir Launcelot
9:30—Stanley
10:00—Big Town
10:30—News—Weather
10:40—Bill Pennell
10:45—JMovie

TUESDAY, OCT. 9 —
6:00—News—Weather
6:15—Sports
6:25—Do You Know Why?
6:30—Let's Face It
6:45—Musical Notebook
7:00—Jane Wyman Show
7:30—Armstrong Circle Theatre
8:30—Stage 7
9:00—Big Surprise
9:30—Noah's Ark
10:00—Touchdown
10:30—Overseas Adventure
11:00—News—Weather
11:10—Bill Pennell
11:15—Movie

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 10 —
6:00—News—Weather
6:15—Sports
6:45—Do You Know Why?
6:30—Annie Oakley
7:00—Kraft Theatre
8:00—This Is Your Life
8:30—Twenty-One
9:00—My Little Margie
9:30—Father Knows Best
10:00—The Pendulum
10:30—News—Weather
10:40—Jim McDowell Sports
10:55—Bill Pennell
11:00—Movie

THURSDAY, OCT. 11 —
6:00—News—Weather
6:15—Sports
6:25—Do You Know Why?
6:30—Report to The People
6:45—Football Predictions
7:00—People's Choice
7:30—The Ernie Ford Show
8:00—Lpx Video Theatre
9:00—Best of Groucho
9:30—Dragnet
10:00—Studio 57
10:30—Golden Theatre
11:00—News—Weather
11:10—Bill Pennell
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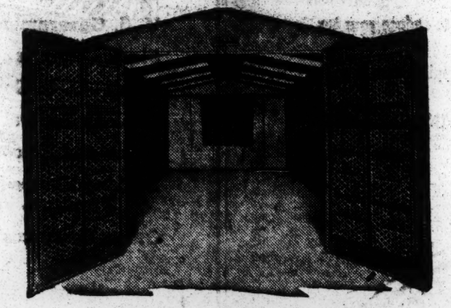

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Mid-Week Prayer Meeting is held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Choir practice follows prayer meeting.

Song services are under the direction of Mrs. B. L. Coulter; Mrs. D. H. Halliwell, Sr., Organist.

The public is cordially invited to attend. The nursery is open at all services.

GREEN'S CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, OLD RICHTON ROAD, PETAL

Services begin at 9:45 a.m. with Sunday School, Robert Powell, Supt.

Q. C. Barrett, Pastor, preaches at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting is 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays . . . following prayer meeting all organizations meet . . . YWA's, GA's, RA's, WMU, Brotherhood, and Sunbeams.

Song services are under the direction of W. C. Rainey, Jr.; pianist is Miss Polly Morgan.

The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend services. Nursery is open at all services.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CENTRAL AVENUE, PETAL

Services begin with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Henry Hardy, Supt.

Rev. W. A. Richardson, Pastor, preaches at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Baptist Training Union meets at 6:30 p.m. Sundays.

Mid-Week Prayer meeting is held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays.

Song services are under the direction of Mr. Ford Parker; Mrs. J. M. Van Devender, pianist.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Nursery is open at all services.

PETAL-HARVEY BAPTIST CHURCH,

Services will begin with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., Pat Rogers, Supt.

Rev. Sam W. Waggener, Pastor, preaches at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Training Union meets at 6:45 p.m., C. E. Richardson, Director.

Mid-Week Prayer meeting is held at 7:30 pm. Wednesdays at Richton Road and Harvey Mission prayer meeting is held 7:30 p.m. Thursdays.

Song services are under the direction of Mr. Charles Caulkin; Mrs. W. H. Clearman, Organist, and Mrs. Mazie Nell Smith, pianist.

The public is cordially invited to attend; the nursery is open at all services.

PETAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MAIN STREET, PETAL

Services begin at 10:00 a.m. with Sunday School, H. L. Norsworthy, Supt.

Evangelist Howard S. Williams preaches at 11.00 a.m.

Bible Class meets Sunday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Choir practice is held Wednesday nights at 7:30.

Song services are under the direction of Mrs. D. L. Priest; pianist is Miss Bernice Norsworthy.

A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend services each Sunday.

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ALONG THE R. F. D.

By Rose Budd Stevens

Several requests have come for a copy of elder berry wine recipes. Several of my readers have sent me copies of my own recipe and others tried and true recipes that have been in their families for years. I like to think you will enjoy the two recipes below, one for bloom wine and the other for berry wine. Take your pick; I plan to try the bloom wine for on the banks of Wagoner Creek the blooms hang in great heavy heads, so heavy they gaze at their reflected beauty in the still water of the deep quiet pools.

ELDER BLOOM WINE

1 quart picked blooms
9 pounds sugar
3 gallons water
1 yeast cake
3 pounds raisins
½ cup lemon juice

METHOD: Put sugar and water together over fire and stir until sugar is dissolved. Let boil without stirring 5 minutes and put in blossoms. Stir well and take off. When luke warm add yeast and lemon juice.

Let stand 6 days and stir each day, then add raisins and put in a keg for six months. The person who sent me this recipe says it makes a wonderful white wine and is of the finest. Many people like to have something extra special on hand to serve just a sip after a meal, or when there is sickness in the family.

In case you are wondering about the quart of blooms . . . I would suggest . . . picking each bloom off the main stem and measuring that way, pressing down just a bit.

The berry recipe will come later if you have a special recipe in your family won't you let me add it to my collection. By the way it has been suggested that the berries make a wonderful pie . . . sort of the blueberry type.

Recent visitors in our home were Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Weize ½and their two children of Jackson. I appreciate people stopping by to see me, and it did my heart good to know these people stopped at a grocery store over in McComb and asked the way to my house, and came eight miles out of their way. We were pleased to have them remember us with a loaf of delicious French bread, that went wonderful with soft butter and grape jelly, along with glasses of iced tea, about four o'clock.

I'm wondering if a jar of jelly I sent Mrs. Woodie Mast of Jackson suffered the same fate as did something I sent a reader of mine long ago. Several weeks ago, Mr. Mast stopped by to ask directions to a supervisor's house and we got to talking and he told me his wife read my column. As he left, on the spur of the moment I picked up a jar of jelly from a filled carton I had sitting on the porch, waiting to be stored at the store building, and sent it along.

What happened to a pound of butter I sent a woman reader by her husband years ago. Winter time was in full swing, and the butter was frozen, I wrapped it in many layers of newspapers, so it would still be in good shape by the time her husband got to Laurel. I didn't ever hear from her and forgot all about it. About three months ago I ran into Mr. —— in Jackson and asked him what he did with the butter. He confessed that it had stayed in the pocket of his car until one day he noticed oil running down on the floor of his car and upon investigation discovered the heater in his car had completely melted the butter . . . he was so put out, he never did tell his wife.

Did you ever see such a blue month . . . skies vivid against floating white clouds, the blue of flowers growing in fence corners and in carefully weeded beds. Blue swimming pools filled with laughing boys and girls, a blue picnic basket filled with goodies for a family bent on fun and pleasure. Days so hot the very air dances and seems blue when you gaze across a vast field.

Blue hydrangea bushes or are yours pink? . . . growing on nearly every farm you visit. Blue dresses blowing on the clotheslines, and laughing blue eyes of children who want and need large doses of love these days.

What have you done to help and cheer another this past month? Have you along with the rest of us, been too busy to see the need that is nearby at home? Have you been giving of all your money to send things to other countries (their need is great, I assure you) and all the while shutting your eyes to need perhaps at your very door? I am not speaking of food alone . . . there are other ways of feeding and helping a person . . . magazines you have finished reading; offering to keep the children while a young mother goes to town shopping, or even give her three hours at home alone, to pretty herself up, laze around or cook up something good.

Go visit with a shut-in . . . talk to him or her and tell of the neighborhood news, (no gossip please), take a few flowers and a vase to put them in. Carry a tasty bite to eat, on one of your prettiest plates. Add one of your silver forks and don't forget a splashy napkin.

This change in dishes and food will be a great spirit lifter to a shut-in. I especially like to take a carton of drinks in six flavors, all well chilled so the shut-in can select his favorite flavor right then and there and know there will be five more to enjoy in the next few days.

So the Holy Supper is kept
indeed
Whenever we care for another's need.
Who feeds his hungry brother
feeds three —
Himself, his needy brother
and Me.

A reader writes me that she goes twice each week and gives a dear old lady a bath and changes her bed. Between times the aged husband manages with face washings. My reader says she has bought three pair of colored sheets with matching pillow slips and has added attractive edgings of her own handiwork to the pillow slips. She says the old lady spends some time before her visits trying to guess what color of sheets she will bring. She adds that she takes a brightly colored towel and wash cloth each time she goes, and she also bought a bar of delicious smelling soap with bath powder to match. A bottle of toilet water adds the last touch.

Another letter from a very young wife and mother, with three children under five years of age, tells what she does to be a good neighbor. She says it is impossible for her to leave her children for even one hour, but on the day her husband goes into town, she sends an old couple down the road from her a good dinner, with enough for second helpings or supper. She even fixes iced tea in a quart jar, sweetened. She says her husband tells of how childlike the old folks are . . . well into their eighties, they are waiting on the porch of their tiny home, in eager anticipation of her husband's coming. The sad part of this story is . . . there are children in the North who never come to see these old people or send them a penny. They live off a small Welfare check. Her husband does their shopping, leaving the groceries and medicine when he picks up the dishes.

Of course this last one pleased me no end. One lady wrote . . . "I try to be a good neighbor . . . Mr. Blank is blind and doesn't care for company, as he has a condition that is untidy to say the least, but he does love to talk, so go by, will you read me Rose Budd's column, I can't wait another minute." I read and then we discuss your column. Sometimes my house goes undusted or the chickens lack water while I chat with him.

Answer in your mind, what you do to be a good neighbor. Promise yourself that you will find something to give of yourself before the week is out . . . and as Dale says, as he reads over my shoulder . . . "you might start that good-neighbor policy at home, by sewing this button on . . . it has been off the last two times I wore this shirt."

Sweetly be,
Rose.

The possum, described as "a lethargic animal that works at his leisure," has survived longer than his once contemporary dinosaurs millions of years ago.

Information On Social Security

By
Luther N. Davis, District Manager
Social Security Administration
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

A delayed birth certificate is not necessary for older persons to establish age in order to receive Socity Security benefits, explained Luther N. Davis, manager of the Hattiesburg Sociay Security Office. Many people who attain age 65 do not contact the Social Security office to file a claim for benefits because they do not have a birth certificate.

Mr. Davis stated that any person who believes he is eligible for benefits should come to the office as soon as he reaches 65 in order to find out about his rights under the law. In some cases a person may lose benefits by waiting more than 12 months after he attains age 65.

The Social Security Administration requires that the correct date of birth be established. In general, the older the evidence the more valuable it is.

The Social Security office in the Carpenters' Building at Forrest and Brunie Streets will be glad to explain the types of evidence that may be established to prove your age and will assist claimants who need help in obtaining evidence.

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U. S. Government Securities		8,299,991.25
State, County and Municipal Bonds		1,054,627.80
Bonds—U. S. Government Instrumentalities		131,000.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank		40,500.00
Loans and Discounts		7,151,353.63
Banking Houses (3) Furniture and Fixtures		208,313.41
Other Resources		3,491.93
TOTAL		$21,452,289.65

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	$375,000.00	
Surplus	975,000.00	
Undivided Profits	37,331.91	1,387,331.91
Reserve for Taxes, etc.		132,633.46
DEPOSITS		19,932,324.28
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